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SUBJECT: COUP ATTEMPT: CHANCERY DRAWS BRIEF BUT HEAVY FIRE

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1. SHORTLY BEFORE NOON, CHANCERY DREW HEAVY AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FIRE FROM GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN STREET BELOW, APPARENTLY OWING TO PRESENCE OF REBEL SNIPER ON HIGHER ROOF OF BUILDING ADJACENT TO AND BEHIND CHANCERY BUILDING FROM PERSPECTIVE OF GOVERNMENT TROOPS. FIERCE FUSILLADE OF TEN MINUTES' DURATION SHATTERED SEVERAL WINDOWS BUT NO PERSONNEL HIT. WE BELIEVE VOLLEY WAS SET OFF BY SNIPER'S RIFLE SHOT HEARD AS TROOPS AND SOME CIVILIANS WALKED UP MAJOR AVENUE BESIDE CHANCERY BUILDING. WE ARE UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER SUSPECTED SNIPER HIT OR HE ESCAPED. HE MIGHT POSSIBLY STILL BE HIDDEN ON ROOF.

2. WE IMMEDIATELY TRIED TO PASS WORD TO GOVERNMENT TROOPS THAT CHANCERY IN LINE OF FIRE, BUT CONTINUING COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT WORD GOT THROUGH. WE ARE SITTING TIGHT AND TAKING ALL PRECAUTIONS.

3. OTHERWISE, SMALL ARMS FIRE ERUPTS PERIODICALLY IN VARIOUS SECTORS INCLUDING CHANCERY NEIGHBORHOOD, AND ARTILLERY FIRE CONTINUES TO BE HEARD FROM DIRECTION OF OMDURMAN.

4. JUST BEFORE CHANCERY CAME UNDER FIRE, MINFO SOUNDTRUCK WITH ARMED SOLDIERS ON TOP HAD DRIVEN PAST PROCLAIMING LOYALTY TO NIMEIRI, AND JUBILANT-SOUNDING CROWN OF CIVILIANS HAD BEGUN TO GATHER NEAR PALACE. WITH FUSILLADE, CROWD DISPERSED AND STREETS ONCE AGAIN DESERTED. THIS REPORT SENT AT 1345 LOCAL.
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